



The Season After Pentecost
St. George's Church † Glenn Dale, Maryland
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2020

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has everything you need to fully participate in today's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers and directions. For those participating on Zoom the music is also included so you can sing along with your microphone muted.

Prelude: *Prelude in C Major*, BWV 846 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #527 *Singing Songs of Expectation*



Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward goes the pil - grim band,
One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his ran - somed peo - ple shed,
One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as from the heart of one;



through the night of doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the pro - mised land.
chas - ing far the gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
one the con - flict, one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:



Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the guid - ing light:
one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which nev - er tires,
one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e - ter - nal shore,



trust - ing God we march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
one the ear - nest look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
where the one a - lmight - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

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Celebrant: We enter into your presence O Holy One, we who hunger for life:

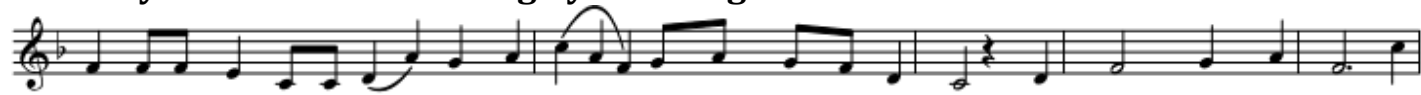
People: For it is you O God who nourishes us at the table of grace.

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

All pray together: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

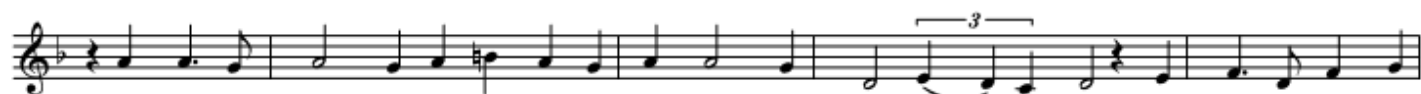
Gloria: Hymnal 1982 S280 Sung by St. George's Virtual Choir



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-



- might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our



prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-y One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most



High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the day: **Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

A Prayer for Racial Justice

O God who calls us to love kindness and do justice, in the midst of violence and injustice in our country we pray that you grant us grace to fearlessly contend against the evils of racism, and that you give us strength and courage to stand against oppression in our words and in our deeds, through Jesus Christ our strength and our guide. Amen.

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 149

O sing to the Lord a new song; **give praise in the assembly of the faithful.**

Let the people of God rejoice in their maker:

and let the servants of the Most High exult in their king.

Let them praise God's name in the dance: **let them sing God's praise with timbrel and harp.**

For you O Lord take delight in your people: **and crown your humble with victory.**

Let the faithful exult in their triumph: **let them shout for joy as they feast.**

Let the praises of God be on their lips: **and a two-edged sword in their hand.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

In this challenging time in our life together, in our country, and in our world, we pray to you O Holy One, and we offer our thanks and praise even as we ask you for strength and courage for the days ahead.

Holy One, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for the beauty of the earth, for the changing seasons and the blessings of harvest, and for the bounty your good earth provides. We pray for your wisdom and courage to care for your creation and preserve its resources for generations yet to come. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for science, for knowledge, and for the wisdom that is available to us. We pray that we have the fortitude to be vigilant, attentive, and proactive in the face of the coronavirus, and act not only for ourselves, but for the good of others. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of your church. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's.

O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for leaders who truly care for your people. We ask that all leaders of nations, including our own, may speak the truth, lead with compassion, and act with justice.

O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for all who are working for racial justice in our country. We pray that you inspire us to action. May we who believe in freedom never rest until it comes for all people. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for the opportunity to serve you by serving others. We pray for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School, for the homeless guests of the Warm Nights program, and for all those in need, especially those who are poor and those who are hungry. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for all of the gifts of our lives. We pray that we may live always in gratitude to you. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we pray for all who have died, and for all who mourn.

O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

We offer our prayers to you, Living God, in whom we live and move and have our being.
Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

People: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, the will for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Offertory

The Celebrant says

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

Traditionally this would be the time for the basket to be passed to receive financial donations from those worshipping in person. For safety reasons, that practice has changed. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net. There are also baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary for donations of checks or cash. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.

Offertory Anthem: *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Sung by St. George's Virtual Choir

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.
As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully,
we will serve thee faithfully.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

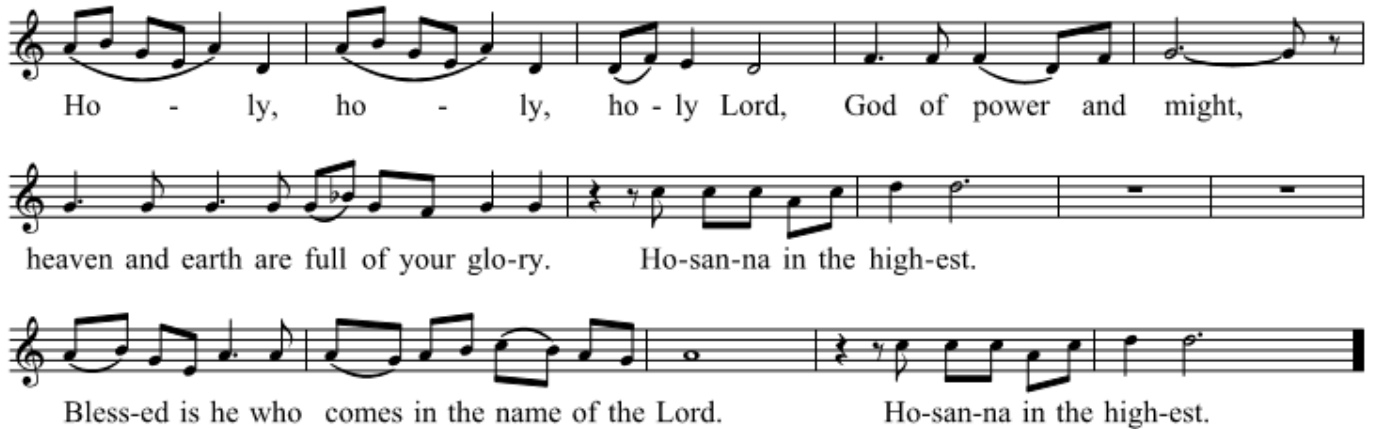
O God of blessing, we thank you always for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name with our ancestors: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; Deborah and Samson, who gave hope and justice to a people ruled by fear; Ruth and Jonah, who went to foreign soil and found a God who loves the stranger.

From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise, to fulfill the law, embody your love, and draw all people to himself.

He accepted death to break its fearful hold; he was raised to new life to share it in abundance; he comes again to break the bread of justice and pour the wine of hope.

Therefore, with all the people whose story you have shaped, O Holy One, with people of faith in every part of the world, we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:

Hymnal 1982 S 128 Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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The Celebrant continues:

And now O God we ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile and earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, he gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Great then is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time, gather us from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator with voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Jesus, I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Though we cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, I pray that you come spiritually into my heart and strengthen me with your grace. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. I pray that I may never be separated from you. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now in the Spirit of Christ, we pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Communion

Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.

Communion Hymn: LEVAS #74 *Jesu, Jesu* Performed by Julia Jackson

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. The first staff begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 90. The lyrics are: "Je - su, Je - su fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you." The second staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.
2. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are nearby and far away.
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all are neighbors to us and you.
4. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you.

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The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray: **Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this gathering, this bread and this wine. May they strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may embody your desire for justice and be renewed for your service to others, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

May God give you grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. And may the blessing of God who created us, Christ Jesus who brings us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us be with you now and remain with you always. *Amen.*



Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #554 *'Tis the Gift to be Simple*

Musical notation for the hymn 'Tis the Gift to be Simple. The notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed, to turn, turn, will be our delight till by turning, turning we come round right.

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God and our neighbor.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Simple Gifts* arr. John Carter (b. 1930)